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Life's Journeys

Overcoming obstacles on her journey

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Marie Whiteman

Seventy-nine year old, Marie Whiteman's start in life was a fiery one.

When Whiteman was born on Sept. 1, 1934, a fire had broke out in a pasture at her family's farm in Watonga, Okla. Family and friends rushed to help put out the fire and someone spilled water onto the porch, Whiteman's pregnant mother slipped, fell and instantly went into labor, giving birth to Marie.

"I was delivered right there at home by Virgie McCrary and just as she delivered me Dr. Gillespie got there," Whiteman said.

Whiteman is the daughter of Dawes and Mollie (Curtis) Whitebird, she has two brothers, Laverne "Bobby" and Charles "Chubby" Whitebird, and half sisters and brothers, Lillian Levi, Dulcie Bushyhead and Lawrence, Kish and Gilbert Whitebird.

"My folks were such big farmers," Whiteman said.

Whiteman grew up a farmer's daughter living on her grandmother's allotment a mile south of Highway 33 past the river bridge, a mile west and then south again.

"We grew basically everything, wheat, corn, cotton, tomatoes, potatoes … just everything. Of course my job was to get out there and pick the weeds. My mom grew big gardens and she would win just about every year when Concho used to have a contest for best garden," Whiteman smiled at the memory.

She said her father had a partnership with George Neal in farming three quarter sections including the Dog Woman allotment just north of their home and her mother would can and store the vegetables in a small building on their farm.

"Oh she canned so much, there was plenty of vegetables for everyone that lived around us. Other Indian families would come and get whatever they needed," Whiteman said.

"My father also butchered and kept our meat in a locker at the ice plant in town. We would get our pork from the Neal's, he had plenty to share and we always got our ham and bacon from him."

She said she enjoyed growing up in the country and going to school with her friends.

Whiteman's family did not go to many powwows, but they were involved in the Native American Church in her younger years.

"I remember my father having all night prayer tipi meetings at our place and he would travel all over to serve as a road chief for other people. He also assisted Mack Haag and others in getting the Charter for Oklahoma in 1918," Whiteman said. "There was opposition back then for a long time, because of the Peyote sacrament."

At the young age of 8 or 9, Whiteman was selected to be in the Lightning Clan.

"Only a few of us were selected that were from well-respected families," Whiteman said. "The ones who were with me in the Watonga group were, Imogene Blackbear, Lorene Redshin, Julia B-Wolf Goodbear, Daisy Littlehawk McLaughlin, Ora Yelloweyes and Julia Rouse. There was also another group in Seiling."

Whiteman said that she and Julia B-Wolf would wear a war bonnet at special or important events.

"Harold Island would dance around and lead and then we would dance behind him. I remember Elizabeth Whiteshield being a part of the Seiling clan; I know there were other members, but I just don't remember. I do know that Kathryn Nibbs Bullcoming and Mary Black Little Coyote were the girls who wore the war bonnets fr m Seiling," Whiteman said. "We were the only Cheyenne girls and women that were ever authorized to wear a war bonnet. I am the only one left of our clan and when I pass, a war bonnet will be laid upon my casket, just as the rest of the ladies were."

Today the Lightning Clan does not exist and Whiteman said she had asked Roy Nightwalker to tape the clan's special songs for her, but never has received them.

"Oh I wish had those songs," Whiteman

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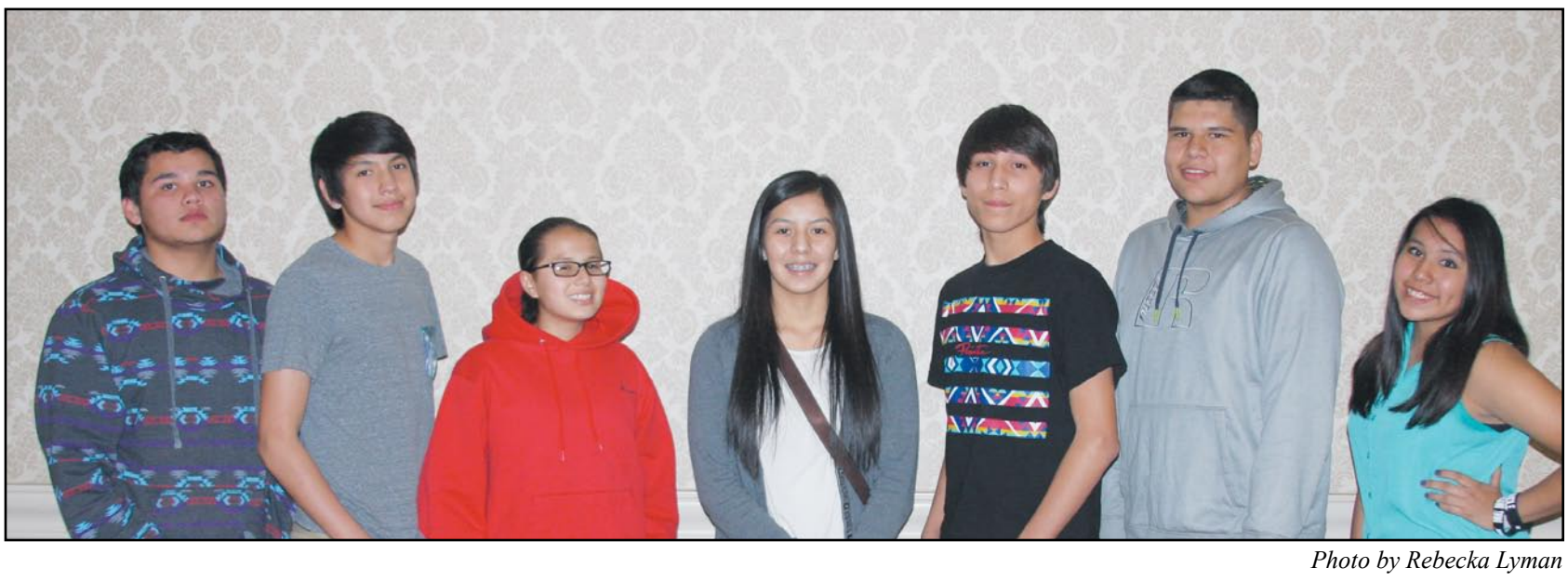
Youth council elects 2014 officers

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales



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The 2014 youth council officers left to right: Treasurer, Jeordin Reyes, Male National Representative, Stephen Woods, Female National Representative, Nicole Turtle, Secretary, Lahtahozhoon Sherman, Vice-President, Eli Wilson, Male Co-President, Michael Hall and Female Co-President, Brittany Taylor.

The newly recognized youth council officers will provide positive representation for tribal youth.

On March 17, 2014 the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Recreation, Exercise and Sports for the Elders and Children of our Tribes (R.E.Sp.E.C.T.) program hosted their annual youth leadership forum at the Tower Hotel in Oklahoma City.

The students who attended the forum participated in the process of nominating and electing the new youth council officers ranging from the seventh to 12th grades as candidates. Nominees must be academically eligible and present an impromtu speech about who they are and why they would make the best candidate. Following the speeches, all the students in attendance voted for their representatives by secret ballot.

The 2014 youth council officers are Male Co-President, Michael Hall, Female Co-President, Brittany Taylor, Vice-President, Eli Wilson, Treasurer, Jeordin Reyes, Secretary, Lahtahozhoon Sherman, Female National Representative, Nicole Turtle and Male National Representative, Stephen Woods.

"The purpose of the youth council is so youth can make a difference by being a positive role model in helping to solve community problems," Jeffery Elizondo, R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program assistant director said. "Young people who are involved with youth councils learn to accept responsibility by being involved in workshops, volunteering their time and speaking at public meetings."

As part of R.E.Sp.E.C.T.'s commitment to reaching out to the youth the youth council was formed in 2007.

"The youth learn how to work with other young people and the tribes' leaders, build strong and lasting friendships, develop confidence and self-esteem, as well as develop better communication and leadership skills and organizational skills," Elizondo said. "They also gain self-worth and inner-strength to help them fight the negative peer pressures they might encounter. We hope to help the youth by helping them to learn how to take responsibility for their actions and contribute to making a difference in their communities.

The youth council officers are a part of the National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) organization and are required to uphold all values and principals of the UNITY organization.

As the votes were being tallied for the new youth council officers, former gang member, Francisco Garcia, now a member of Teaching and Saving Kids at Risk (TASK) shared his testimony and personal experience with the tribal youth.

"Our prevention and intervention programs are designed to counteract the vicious cycle of recidivism, violence, gang involvement, drug dealing, substance abuse, and bullying," Garcia said. "Men and women who once terrorized their communities are now finding support and rebuilding their communities one child at a time."

Following the forum dinner, host Chance Rush and Emcee One hosted a dance for the students.

Tribes team up with local counties during severe weather season

CONCHO, OK-The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Roads Program begin safety measures by teaming up with local counties within the tribes' service areas, to distribute warning signs in areas that produce standing water on roadways.

The program dubbed, "Turn Around, Don't Drown," provides latitude and longitude of low water crossings, with information regarding the severity of flooding at the crossings.

Counties participating include Beckham, Blaine, Custer, Dewey, Roger Mills and Washita.

"We are working on a program to distribute warning signs for low water crossings and currently are working to prioritize distribution of the signs," Angela Blind, Cheyenne and Arapaho Roads director stated in a letter sent to county commissioners.

Blaine County Commissioners passed a motion and approved unanimously to participate in the tribes' program on March 10, 2014.

The community or tribe will be responsible for the sign pole and labor to install the signs at roadways subject to flooding.

The program is funded by the FEMA Community Assistance Program.

Preserving, revitalizing the Cheyenne language

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter, Ad Sales

"We can no longer live the way we used to. We cannot move around any more the way we were brought up. We have to learn a new way of life. Let us ask for schools to be built in our country so that our children can go to these schools and learn this new way of life."
Chief Dull Knife, Northern Cheyenne

On March 21, 2014 Dr. Richard Littlebear, President and Interim Dean of Culture Affairs for Chief Dull Knife College, expresses the significance of speaking the Cheyenne language to a class at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Center in Concho, Okla.

"Both positions keep me busy and both make it interesting to work at Chief Dull Knife," Littlebear said. "One of the things amongst other things with running a fully accredited college is running the language and culture program. We do a lot of activities in trying to preserve the college, to keep the language going and keep the culture going."

The college, located in Lame Deer, Montana, has one main building, which houses administration, faculty offices, cafeteria facilities, a bookstore, a learning center and classroom space to serve 300 students.

"This last October we received a state grant from the Montana state legislature in the amount of $250,000 to seven tribes to help perpetuate our languages. It has been very interesting to spend that kind of money in a very meaningful way. Some people think we have $250,000 to go spend at Wal-Mart, it just doesn't work that way," Littlebear jokingly said. "We are being very accountable for how we spend this money. We decided to not hire a director, because that director would probably take a large portion of the grant money."

He said the grant is only for one year and wants to ensure good efforts are made towards preserving the Cheyenne language so, hopefully in the future, the state legislature may decide to give a three to five year funding cycle.

"One of the things we are doing under the grant is to develop apps for the Cheyenne language, so we sent two people to Las Vegas to gamble and watch all the shows," Littlebear said as everyone laughed. "No, really, when they returned from Vegas I asked them to demonstrate to me what they had learned and they really learned a lot about how to apply and activate media applications. So we are going to put in for ipads, and any other media equipment. We plan to put lessons of Cheyenne language in an app form, because it seems that our young people are going in that direction. Me … I am still in the rotary dial stages. I have to get myself up to speed here."

He said what ever it took to help save the Cheyenne language and culture is what they are striving for.

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

President and Interim Dean of Culture Affairs at Chief Dull Knife College in Lame Deer, Mont., speaks on the importance of using the Cheyenne language to a class at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Center in Concho, Okla.

"The other thing that we are doing is that we are going to be having an adult emergent camp at Noavosse (Bear Butte) S.D. The camp will be held July 16-Aug. 3, 2014. The facility we are going to be using will hold 30-35 people. What we are doing is getting at least 25 students together, one of the limitations we will have is they have to be 20 to 40 years of age, that seems to be the ages that people are not speaking Cheyenne," Littlebear said.

Littlebear said the priorities to attend the camp are, first for Northern Cheyenne enrolled members who do not speak or understand the

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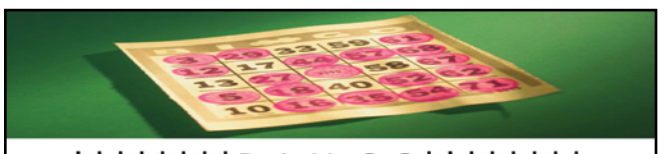

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Immediate attention!

The Education Department needs names and addresses of all Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members who will be graduating from high school or college in May 2014 (or who have graduated early but are considered Class of 2014). The Cheyenne and Arapaho Graduation Banquet has been confirmed for May 7, 2014 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) new Event Center in Weatherford, Okla.

In order for eligible graduates to receive an invitation, verification of eligibility to graduate is needed. Ask the school registrar or counselor to send the confirmation letter, with your address listed. The graduation lists are being completed at this time.

Send letters of verifications to Wanda Whiteman, Gaming-Higher Education Program, PO Box 167, Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail to wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org. For more information call (405) 422-7560 or (405) 422-7568.

Each year some graduates are left off the list because they did not receive this information. Relatives and friends, if you know tribal members who will be graduating from out of the service areas or out-of-state, please provide this information to them. Thank you.

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Gathering of 39 tribes

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter, Ad Sales

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Dr. Jay Swallow shares his vision of the Gathering of 39 tribes coming together.

In it's move to the western United States during the 19th century, the gospel came to Oklahoma as missionaries brought the "good news" to the Indian people.

The evening of March 22, 2014, apostle Dr. Jay Swallow, Cheyenne, held his fourth service at the Rock of Restoration Church in Geary, Okla. A service reaching out to the 39 tribes that reside in Oklahoma.

"Many of our people are struggling, but Oklahoma leads the way in reaching Native Americans through the gospel of Jesus Christ," Swallow said. "This first began with a quorum of sharing the vision of the 39 tribes, which is the vision I received over two years ago from the Lord. He spoke to me in a dream and said he wanted me to gather the 39 tribes. Of course I complained to Him and said we are all rivals and we can't get together. He said you get me a quorum of the 39 and I will begin to draw the rest of my spirit and that is exactly what is happening."

In May 2013 Swallow held the first meeting of his vision from the Lord at the Two Rivers Native American Training Center in Bixby, Okla.

According to the training center's Website, there are 580 Native Nations in North America and the U.S. Center for World Missions states that there are at least 200 Native Nations that have not been reached with the gospel and over 95 percent of the 3.5 million Native Americans in the United States have not accepted the gospel message.

"I have been doing this for 54 years as an evangelist all over the world, this is all I have ever done. This is how the Lord gave it to me … He said He kept the 39 tribes in tact in Oklahoma because when He moves among our Native tribes around the states they will represent the 39 stripes that Jesus endured on his back and it will be the healing of the nations. I was blown away when I heard it that way. I kept saying to myself, who is going to believe me?" Swallow said. "So I called my first meeting in May of last year at our training center outside of Tulsa, it was there that the Lord really put the vision in its place. It has been growing ever since, a lot of the people who have joined with me may look like they are white people, but they are card carrying Indians that identify with the tribes. There are a few that I have to teach all over again on how to get along and respect culture and traditions."

Swallow said the 39 tribes are still not all in place, but he believes that there is more understanding coming.

"It won't just come from me," he said. "It will basically come from all of us. I don't know when the next meeting will be or where it will be, but we have the opportunity to reach the tribes here in Oklahoma with the backing of Christian leadership financers out of Indonesia and Malaysia. They have told me they can give to us up to a $1 million when we get the 39 tribes gathering set."

Swallow said he goes to people who are in need and basically have nothing.

"Our financers have asked that we use the monies to reach our people, not only the Native Americans, but to all people to bring understanding. This is basically for prayer … we are not in this for our names … only for prayer and nothing else. Our Natives are keen on that. They know prayer and they know the power of prayer."

He said the prayer movement started in Oklahoma in 1990, and it has picked up speed and is going forward.

For more information about the Gathering of the 39 Tribes contact Swallow at Two Rivers Native American Training Center (918) 366-9190 or visit tworivers@olp.net.

Battle continues over sales tax demands from city of Shawnee to four Oklahoma tribes

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Courtesy photos

Key players in the battle over salex tax collection demands from the city of Shawnee to four Oklahoma tribes.

From l-r: Shawnee Mayor Wes Mainord, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman, John "Rocky" Barrett, Absentee Shawnee tribes' Governor Edwina Bulter-Wolfe and Sac and Fox Nation's Chief George Thurman. Not pictured, Kickapoo tribes' Business Committee.

Stalemate.

In the ongoing battle over collection of a three percent sales tax dispute between the city of Shawnee's Mayor Wes Mainord and four Oklahoma tribes, Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN), Kickapoo tribe, Sac and Fox Nation and Absentee Shawnee tribe, there has been little progress in reaching an agreement.

The city of Shawnee have demanded that the four Indian tribes that operate businesses in Shawnee collect sales tax for non-tribal patrons who shop at the tribes' businesses. At the center of the dispute is one specific business owned by the CPN, Firelake Discount Food store, operating since 2001 in Shawnee, Okla.

After a meeting on March 24, 2014 at the CPN's Cultural Heritage Center between the tribes and the city of Shawnee officials, three of the four tribes issued releases regarding the meeting.

CPN's Tribal Chairman, John "Rocky" Barrett issued the following statement, *"The meeting today between the City of Shawnee and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation did not go well. While Mayor Mainord opened his remarks with a syrupy statement to the leadership of the four area tribes about how much the City "respects Tribal Sovereignty," he then stated the complete opposite. He rehashed the original City threat letter to the Tribes, demanding that the City of Shawnee be paid because the City is "entitled" to force the Nation to collect taxes.*

Mainord flatly refused to acknowledge the very concept of Tribal sovereignty and Tribal jurisdiction, a tenant of federal law since the 1830's. When told that the land on which the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Sac and Fox Nation, the Absentee Shawnee tribe, and the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma tribal governments operate is deeded to the United States and held in trust as federal land that is not part of the City of Shawnee, he said only "we disagree." From the perspective of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the meeting was little more than a cosmetic attempt to make the City appear reasonable in the public eye because they offered to "negotiate." The negotiation was entirely one-sided. The only choice left to the CPN was to meet the City's demands for tax collections or be sued in federal court. Each Tribal leader present countered Mainord with statements of fact that the trust land of their Nations is not in Shawnee and not subject to the City's governmental authority.

The City has not acted in good faith during these so-called "negotiations," in particular by making false statements to the media and turning this into a public controversy. Rather than take the time, and courtesy, to propose to meet in a demonstration of mutual respect, the City has chosen to threaten litigation and attack as by way of press release prior to the meeting, then act as if they were generous in doing so. Tribal economic development shouldn't have to be limited to gaming. Tribes have struggled to make economic dreams a reality throughout the years. The boost from gaming has helped tremendously, but tribes must continue to diversify and create a tax base to further economic development and job creation. Without Tribal development there is little growth in our cities or state. Our 2,200 employees spend their paychecks in the businesses across Pottawatomie County and Oklahoma, all while tribes continue to offer services and economic stimulation through their very presence. We make every effort to shop in our local communities and spend $0.30 of every dollar in Shawnee. Our economic impact has reached more than $522 million and 100 percent of the sales tax we collect stays in Pottawatomie County. Simply put, without tribal job creation, sales tax growth is not possible. This attempt to punish the tribes for their success is a regrettable strategy and a misguided attempt to stifle economic success that will result in all Oklahomans losing out, no matter what their heritage."

However, it would appear, the city's take on the outcome of the meeting was one of progress according to Shawnee City Manager, Brian McDougal.

"We met at 10 a.m. with all the tribes present, and though both sides didn't

*See **Battle over sales tax**, page 6*

Autopsy report released in Goodblanket death

Mah-hi-vist Goodblanket

CLINTON — An autopsy report released March 21 confirms a Cheyenne and Arapaho teenager was shot seven times in a confrontation with deputies at his parents' Clinton home on Dec. 21, 2013.

Mah-hi-vist Goodblanket, 18, was shot and killed by Custer County sheriff's deputies on Dec. 21. The district attorney's office hasn't yet ruled whether the shooting was justified.

Goodblanket, 18, had gunshot wounds to his head, chest, abdomen and right arm, according to a report by the office of the chief medical examiner. All the bullets recovered were similar .45-caliber hollow-point. His death was ruled a homicide.

Custer County District Attorney Dennis Smith said his office will announce its decision on whether the shooting was justified in a week to 10 days.

Goodblanket was handcuffed at the time of the autopsy. Custer County Sheriff Bruce Peoples said even though Goodblanket had been shot, it was necessary and consistent with law enforcement procedure to place handcuffs on him to secure the scene.

"You always handcuff a suspect immediately after an event like that," he said.

The teen also had apparent Taser wounds on both sides of his chest, the autopsy states. Peoples said the deputies attempted to use a Taser on him but it didn't work.

Goodblanket, whose name translated into English means Red Bird, was experiencing a mental episode and was breaking windows and doors when his parents called 911 for help. He had been drinking, evidenced by the blood alcohol level of 0.10 reported in his autopsy.

Peoples says the man attacked two of the responding deputies with a knife. One deputy, Chance Avery, allegedly shot his own hand in the struggle and had a finger amputated. He has since been cleared to return to work and the other deputy, Dillon Mach, resumed active duty several weeks ago, Peoples said.

Peoples maintains that the shooting was justified. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation investigated the incident and has turned its report over to the district attorney.

Goodblanket's parents, Melissa and Wilbur Goodblanket, publicly have been asking for justice for their son.

"I hope they are going to hold them (the deputies) accountable," Melissa said.

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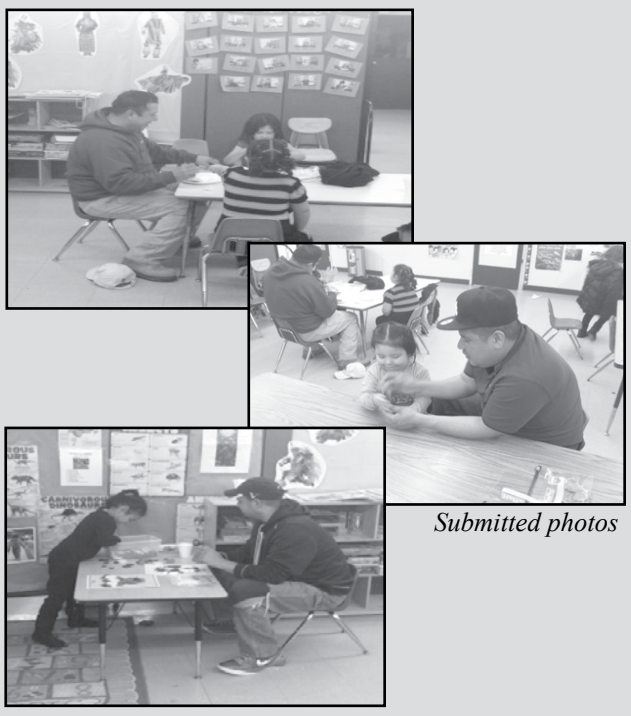

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The Concho Headstart hosted a Fatherhood evening on March 19, 2014 discussing math and science while the children and fathers made putty and enjoyed a dinner together.

Pictured Right: Alex Halfred, 9 months old, Below: Trinity Black, 8.

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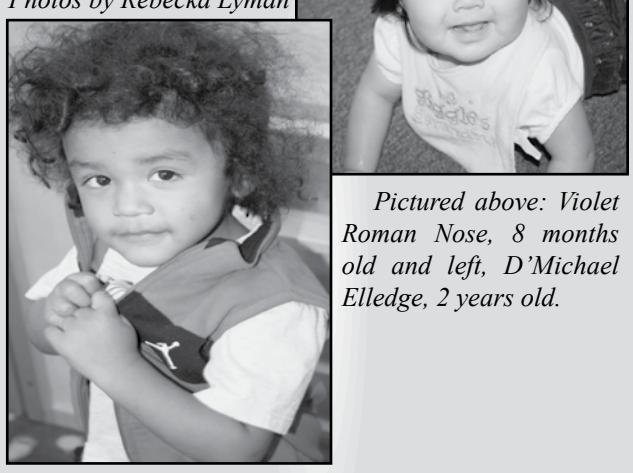
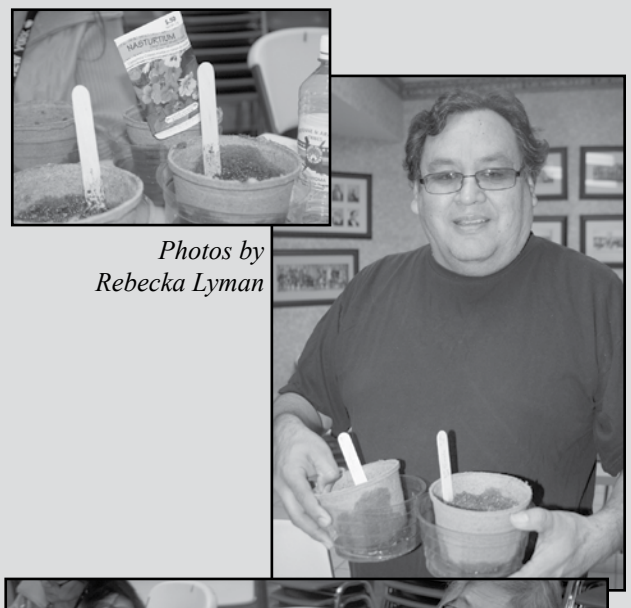


Pictured above: Violet Roman Nose, 8 months old and left, D'Michael Elledge, 2 years old.

The Concho Child Development Center celebrated theme week during the week of March 17-21, 2014, which was Spring break for some. The children were able to participate in a fun filled week wearing green for St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday was 80s day, Wednesday the children wore their hair in crazy styles. Thursday the tiny tots and babies could wear their favorite sports team gear and Friday was a cozy day for wearing pajamas.



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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Food Distribution Program hosted a quick and easy gardening class on March 20, 2014 at the large conference room in Concho, Okla.

"The greenhouse garden grant gives us an opportunity to educate our tribal members on the importance of growing their own food," Daryn West, greenhouse coordinator said.

A variety of different seeds were available for attendees, from herbs to vegetables. They planted the seeds in separate pots and were able to take the pots home to complete the process of growing their own garden.

Native Business: Challenge, Trust, Prosperity

By Jim Stanley, Tribal Tribune correspondent

There is one constant in business and it has many names, mistake, crisis, accident and challenge.

This is because business, at a very high level, is about the allocation of scarce resources over competing and alternating buyers who challenge each other every day to make a living. Those that are most successful are able to work together and turn mistakes, crisis, and accidents into opportunities for trust building.

Trust is an essential ingredient to success because it allows people within an organization to make good decisions in real-time which reduces the impact of a challenge and reinforces good will between people.

There are many positive side effects to trust including but not limited to:

• Stability. An organization is able to compete successfully in the marketplace which means a business makes more money and creates jobs.

• Unity. People are happier knowing that even though business is difficult, they are part of a team that has their back.

• Purpose. Each team member's contribution to an organization is important and it is necessary for everyone to pull in the same direction to maximize results.

• Flexibility. A business can adapt faster to a changing marketplace increasing the probability of success.

Trust is also the way to instigate positive change in corporate culture. As a team develops, focus improves towards execution of organizational goals, replacing meetings where team members look for solutions from higher ranking team members. This is important because waiting for supervisors to collect information and determine best steps is slower than local decision making from employees who have proven the ability to make good decisions.

Conversely, subordinates who understand the balance of sharing low-lights along with highlights strengthen their relationship with management. The result is room to take corrective steps to mitigate a crisis without drawing down management's hammer.

Often, it is important for both management and employees to exercise patience and transparency because it benefits both.

Jim Stanley freely shares his knowledge in an effort to foster economic success in Indian Country. He is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Treasurer of the Tribal C-Store Summit Group and Chairman of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board. To contact Jim visit www.jimstanley.biz.

Apache resident pleads guilty to tribal embezzlement

Second to plead guilty for embezzlement scheme from Apache tribe casinos

Oklahoma City–Antonio Carattini, 61, of Apache, Okla., pled guilty to embezzlement from the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, announced Sanford C. Coats, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

In a related case, John Pangburn, 60, of Tulsa, Okla., pled guilty in September 2013 to conspiracy to embezzle funds from the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma.

From July 2010 through July 2011, Pangburn was the general manager of the Apache tribe's Silver Buffalo Casino in Anadarko, Okla. According to the indictment filed against Carattini, in the fall of 2010, Pangburn "hired" Carattini, without the approval of the tribe, as a tribal consultant to help with building a new casino in Apache.

The indictment alleged that Pangburn signed and directed checks for more than $90,000 in tribal casino funds to Carattini, though Carattini did little if any work for the tribe. The indictment also alleged that on several occasions, Carattini cashed those tribal checks to him and returned approximately $1,000 in cash to Pangburn.

At the plea hearing, Carattini pled guilty to one count of tribal embezzlement. Carattini admitted that in July 2011, he received and benefitted from a $3,500 tribal check to him signed by Pangburn, though Carattini had not done any tribal work in exchange for the check.

In September 2013, Pangburn pled guilty to a conspiracy with Carattini to embezzle funds from the Apache tribe.

At sentencing, Carattini and Pangburn each face up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of $250,000. In separate plea agreements, each defendant agreed to pay restitution to the Apache tribe for the amount of embezzled funds, which will be determined by the Court at sentencing.

A sentencing hearing for Carattini will be set by the court in approximately 90 days. Sentencing for Pangburn is scheduled for April 28, 2014.

These charges are the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris M. Stephens.

Cherokee Nation marks Trail of Tears anniversary

By Kristi Eaton, Associated Press

TAHLEQUAH, OK-The 175th anniversary of the end of the Trail of Tears should be a day of celebration because the Native Americans being forced to relocate did not allow themselves to be broken and rebuilt their communities, the chief of the Cherokee Nation said.

Several thousand tribal members died from starvation, exposure and disease along the Trail of Tears, in which the federal government required five tribal nations, Cherokees, Muscogee Creek, Seminole, Chickasaw and Choctaw, to relocate to Indian Territory, present-day Oklahoma.

March 24 marks the anniversary of the arrival of the final group of Cherokees to near present-day Tahlequah.

"It's really a day of celebration," Principal Chief Bill John Baker said in a phone interview. "We're not doing it to feel sorry for ourselves, but it truly is a day of celebration that our ancestors, even though they went through all the trials and tribulations ... on this day 175 years ago the last detachment showed up and their spirit was not broken and they were ready to rebuild the Cherokee Nation."

Baker and other Cherokee Nation officials marked the day with an event at the Cherokee Heritage Center in Park Hill where a painting by artist Dorothy Sullivan was unveiled. Sullivan has created a series of paintings depicting the forced relocation. The chief also presented a proclamation in honor of the day.

Jack Baker, a Cherokee Nation tribal council member, said the day is a reminder to tribal members that although their ancestors faced great adversity and great difficulty on their trail, they adapted to their new surroundings and re-established the nation.

"And that we still survive as a sovereign nation today and as a prosperous nation," added Baker, who is not related to the principal chief.

The Cherokees started relocating from their homelands in the southeast in 1838.

In May, a group of 13 Cherokee students will retrace by bike the northern route their ancestors were forced to travel. The students, who range in age from 16 to 24, will travel an average of 60 miles per day for three weeks while they make the 950-mile journey. They'll start in new Echota, Ga., and cross Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas before ending in Oklahoma.

Attorney to go to trial in sexual misconduct case

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

PAULS VALLEY, OK-Jeremy Oliver, attorney at law, will go before a jury in the Fall of 2014 over allegations of sexual misconduct.

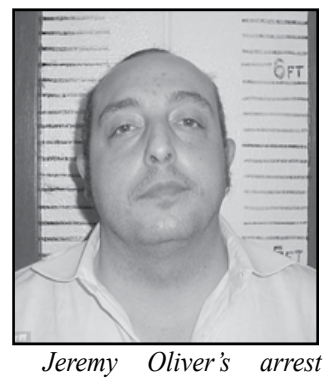
The trial of Chickasaw Nation citizen, Jeremy Oliver is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2014 in Garvin County Criminal Court. The case stems from a February 2013 arrest where Oliver was charged with three counts, including using technology to solicit sexual conduct with a minor, publishing and distributing obscene material and possession of a controlled substance.

The first count is a felony and carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail and a $10,000 fine. The second and third counts are misdemeanors. Each one is punishable by up to one year in jail and a $1,000 fine.

According to original arrest records, Oliver offered, via text message to reduce a client's fees in exchange for nude photographs or sexual favors from the client's 13 and 18 year old daughters, as well as sexual favors from the client. Oliver also sent an obscene photograph of himself to the client while making the request. A search of his home at the time of the arrest uncovered several pounds of marijuana and several hundred nude photographs.

Oliver was, at one time, employed by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' third legislative branch as the legislative attorney and later became the attorney for former lieutenant governor/disputed governor, Leslie Wandrie-Harjo.

Oliver also lists himself as the former attorney general for the Caddo Nation, headquartered in Binger, Okla., on his LinkedIn account.



Jeremy Oliver's arrest photo in February 2013.

Oliver stands to be disbarred from the American Bar Association and the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association if convicted.

Twenty-five years of dedication to tribes

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter, Ad Sales

For the most part, being truly dedicated to anything is considered admirable and a dedicated employee is considered the cream of the crop.

For the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transportation Program, Herbert "Herbie" Whitebuffalo, road construction analyst and specialist, an employee for over 25 years, is the cream of the crop, not only for the transportation program, but for other programs within the tribes as well.

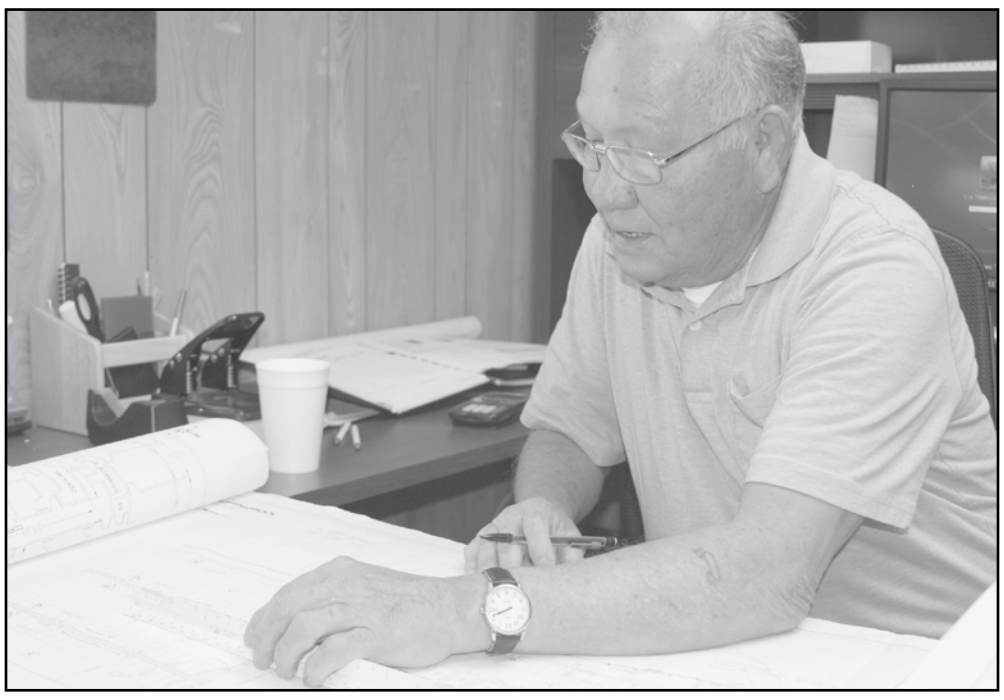


Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Herbert "Herbie" Whitebuffalo, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Roads Program's analyst/ specialist, reviews some blueprints of one of the many projects Herbie is involved with.

"He is very knowledgeable … he won't admit it, but he is a genius. Everybody comes to him from other departments to look at old plans that he designed, such as Economic Development or to have him design plans for their programs. He designed all the duct work and electrical work for the Education building renovation," Sonya Orange, Tribal Transportation project specialist officer, and coworker said. "He has had travel plaza designs long before Concho ever built one and he has drawings for Watonga, Canton, Clinton and Concho areas."

Herbie is a quiet, humble man and is not one to brag about his many accomplishments. He speaks in a quiet tone of voice, always with a touch of a smile on his face and always takes time to stop and say hello.

"I began working for the tribes back in 1978 operating heavy equipment for the Indian Action Program and then in 1990 as an assistant manager over all the tribal smoke shops. I designed and oversaw construction of the four smoke shops in Canton, Concho, Clinton and Watonga … times have changed since then. We used to have a gas station and convenience store out here in Concho when Highway 81 was only two lanes, way before we had the new travel center," Herbie said.

In 1995 Herbie began working in the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Roads Program.

"We have constructed many projects, some are complete and some are still in the works," When I started drafting everything was pencil and paper," Herbie chuckled. "Today it is all computerized. Over the years I have went to school so that I can stay up to date. I use CAD, a computer software program, to help me locate existing structures and draw new parking lots, I have been helping the water treatment plant people a lot lately."

Over the course of his 25 plus years he has drafted drawings and constructed new parking lots for the Roads Program, Diabetes Wellness, the Tribal Complex, Annex building, powwow grounds, Head Start buildings, Housing Authority, Independent Living Center, smokeshops, Watonga Indian Health Center and other projects with the Roads Program.

It would seem, if not for Herbie and the Roads Program, the tribes would still have gravel lots for parking instead of black top.

Herbie attended the Chilocco Boarding School where he wrestled. From 1961-1964, Herbie was a member of the U.S. Army. He graduated El Reno Junior College in 1976 with a degree in pre engineering and from 1985-1987 he attended Platt College to refresh his drafting and design skills. Not only did he attend Platt College, he was also a night instructor at Platt College from 1980-1983 teaching mechanical design and drafting. He continued his education from 1990-1993 at Canadian Valley Vo-Tech to learn the CAD software, heating and air conditioning, electrical motors and housing installations.

"I think it is necessary to keep my mind fresh, which is why I continue to educate myself, the CAD software is always changing and plus I really like to learn new things," Herbie said.

Director of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transportation, Angela Blind, said personnel records reflect Herbie has been an employee under the transportation program since 1997, but he had actually been working with the program since 1995.

"Herbie performs varies duties that pertain to project management with a strong emphasis in analyzing serving points necessary for accurate placement of project materials. He is also responsible for the calculation of materials and the quantities as well as the determination of size for certain projects, such as pipe post signs, culvert end treatments, man holes and other materials needed for projects," Blind said. "Herbie also volunteers as the treasurer for the Indian Baptist Church of Watonga. Herbie has served and worked for many years for the tribes. He is a true asset not only to the Transportation Program, but to various other programs for which he has provided help in developing site plans and layouts (specifically Economic Development and Water Plant)."

Blind said he is a dedicated tribal member and employee and appreciates his knowledge and dedication to the tribes and to the transportation program.

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The Deadline for Submission of BIA-Higher Education Applications is JUNE 1, 2014 for the FALL 2014 term.

We welcome your applications starting now. There is no longer an appeal process for late applicants.

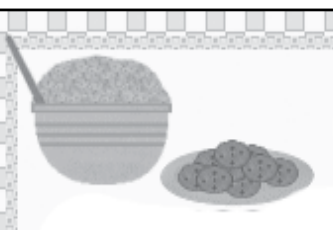
Applications can be copied from the tribal Website, www.c-a-tribes.org/deptof education/higher education/application requirements. There are five pages to be copied. Applicants may send the one-page application, statement of privacy form, documents they already have by June 1, 2014, and send remaining documents as they receive them.

A Gaming application is also due and that application can be copied from the tribal Website as well.

An application can be mailed by sending an email request for an application to wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org.

Applications must be sent by U.S. mail to: Higher Education Program, PO Box 167, Concho, OK 73022 or delivered to 200 Wolf Robe Circle in Concho, Okla., NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2014.

Do not fax the applications or send as email attachments. Thank you.



Garlic Bean Soup

Cooking with USDA Foods

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3 cups Great Northern white beans, cooked (or you choice of dry beans)
2 cups onion, chopped
½ cup celery, chopped
2 tsp. garlic powder
2 tblsp. vegetable oil
2 cans (14 oz.) low-sodium chicken broth
1 can reduced-sodium carrots, sliced and undrained
½ tsp. pepper

Cook onion, celery and garlic in vegetable oil for 3 to 4 minutes on medium heat.

Add chicken broth and beans, heat to boiling.

Reduce heat and simmer until celery is tender, about 6 minutes.

Add canned carrots and pepper. Heat another 2 minutes.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

The Seventh Annual Tribal Casino and Hotel Development Conference

April 7-8, 2014 at the Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort in North San Diego, Calif. For more information visit www. nativenationevents.org.

Native American Fatherhood and Families Association Regional Seminar-Fathers, Keep Families Together

April 10-11, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Oklahoma City. For more information or to register visit www.nativeamericanfathers.org.

Social Service Management and Administration for Tribal Organizations

April 14-16, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Annual Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Professionals Conference

April 22-24, 2014at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Native American Student Advocacy Institute (NASAI) Conference

April 28-29, 2014, at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.nasai.collegeboard.org.

Southern Gaming Summit

May 6-8, 2014 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi, Miss. Bingo World golf tournament and Global Gaming Women's luncheon. For more information or to register visit www.sgsummit.com.

National Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention

May 11-14, 2014 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.indiangaming.org.

Tribal Grants Management Program

May 12-16, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinsitute.com.

Annual Medicine Ways Conference

May 23-24, 2014 at the University of California in Riverside, Calif. For more information visit www.nasp.ucr.edu.

Midwest Gaming Summit

June 2-3, 2014 at the Westin Rosemont in O'Hare, Ill. For more information or to register visit www.MidwestGamingSummit.com.

Native American Economic Development and Energy Projects Conference

June 16-17, 2014 at the Disney Grand Californian Hotel and Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

EATING well for DIABETES

The Importance of Physical Activity

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Winter is over and spring is upon us, it stays light outside longer. It is a good time to enjoy outdoor activities with your family.

Current trends and predictions say that todays youth will not outlive their parents; therefore making physical fitness an important component of good health and wellness.

Did you know that regular physical activity increases your chances of living a longer healthier life? There are many cardiovascular health benefits when you add physical activity into your daily lives. With a daily exercise regimen children can improve bone, heart health and muscular fitness. Exercise in adults can also lower the risk for heart disease, Type 2 Diabetes, high blood pressure and some cancers, also older adults can lower the risk of falls and improve cognitive function.

Physical activity is for everyone, no matter what shape you are in. Need some ideas on how to incorporate physical activity into your life? Start by making small changes, like taking a walk with your family after dinner, on the weekends try bike riding, bowling, and hiking or stick ball. For persons with arthritis you might want to consider swimming, water aerobics or chair exercises.

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend that adults aim for two hours and 30 minutes of moderate activity each week. Moderate activity includes walking fast, dancing, swimming and raking leaves.

Muscle strengthening activities are also recommended at least two days a week, such as lifting weights and using exercise bands. You can use cans of vegetables and fruit to use as weights and do strength training while watching TV. It is also recommended that children get two hours and 30 minutes of physical activity a day and limit computer and TV time to two hours per day.

Let's all spread the word on the importance of physical activity. Motivate teachers and school administrators, leaders in your local community to help make a difference.

Source: National Health Information Center.

Revitalizing Cheyenne language

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Cheyenne language. Second priority is for enrolled members who understand the language but cannot speak it, and the third will be for anyone who does not speak or understand Cheyenne.

"We try to cover anyone who wants to learn the Cheyenne language. We also have story tellers that go into the schools or any other groups and another part of the grant is to train Cheyenne language teachers," Littlebear said.

He said the primary purpose of any language is to communicate.

"I have spent a lot of time arguing about Cheyenne language, some say you don't spell it that way … or my grandma said it this way and all that. My basic premise is that if you are going to write the Cheyenne language at least write in a linguist acceptable way. If your going to teach it orally find a way to teach it orally that is acceptable, that way you have a base line to which to argue, because all of the other arguments are just emotional. They are not based on how you actually say things or how a person actually interacts," Littlebear said.

Littlebear firmly said the Cheyenne language is not a curriculum or a classroom issue, it is an identity issue.

"The language is who we are."

He explained that if he did not know the English language, he would not have had good experiences and attained the good jobs that he has had over the years.

"The English language side satisfies the physical substance of who I am. The Cheyenne language satisfies the spiritual side of who I am. So they interact and mesh together like that. There is no opposition between the two of them, in my mind," Littlebear said. "We have to deal with the English language."

When he first left the reservation in his youth he said, "I found myself where I was the only brown person and the only person who spoke Cheyenne, a lot of people did not know I spoke Cheyenne. It was about that time I decided if I am going to find myself in a white man's world I am going to learn how to speak English better than modern English people."

So one of the things he did was read, he said he started reading dictionaries.

"Dictionaries are wonderful they spur your imagination. I am not a trained linguist, I self trained myself in the linguistic side of the Cheyenne language. If someone is truly dedicated to a language they have to make the effort to see how second languages are transferred to succeeding generations. They have to learn about second acquisition theory and know how to apply that theory, just don't get caught up in the theory part of it," Littlebear said.

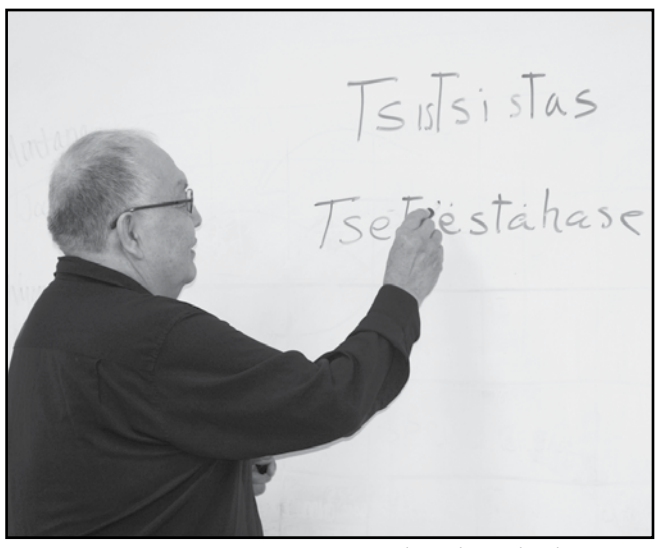

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Dr. Richard Littlebear demonstrates the difference in spelling Tsistsistas,(Cheyenne) which, according to Littlebear should read, Tsetsehestahese.

Littlebear said as he was walking into the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education building he took notice of a word on a sign that hung on the front side of the building stating it, "Sent chills up my spine."

He said Tsistsistas was misspelled in a way that it is also mispronounced.

"Tsistsistas, that means people who are like this.Tsetsehestahese is the precise spelling for we are Cheyenne. It is good to have that sign up there, but listen to how I say the word," Littlebear went to the white dry erase board to show the class the correct spelling. "The reason why it is so important to pronounce and write our language correctly is that a 100 years from now if the language dies out and if somebody wants to revitalize it, their going to be saying Tsistsistas and that is not going to be Cheyenne. I am going to come back and haunt them if they say it that way … make their mouth crooked."

The classroom laughed aloud as Littlebear continued.

"If there is anything that I feel passionate about it is pronouncing the words right. We are leading a legacy for a succeeding generation," Littlebear said in closing.

To purchase the Cheyenne dictionary visit Chief Dull Knife College Website at www.cdkc.edu.

Battle over sales tax

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agree on all points, it was progress to have an open discussion and agree to continue to discuss the issue," McDougal said.

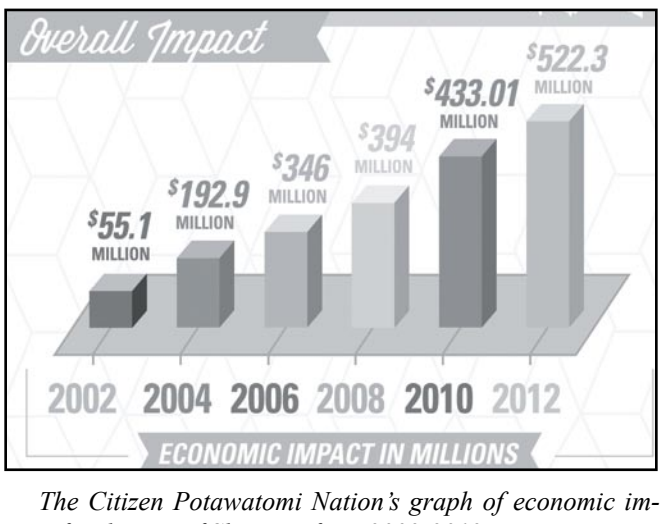
McDougal released the following statement about the meeting held on March 24 with the tribes, *"City of Shawnee leaders met today with leaders of the Absentee Shawnee, Citizen Potawatomi, Kickapoo and Sac and Fox Nations to discuss whether it would be possible to negotiate an agreement for the Tribal Nations to collect, report and remit sales tax for sales to non-tribal members. Approximately 60 people were in attendance for the two-hour meeting."*

Within the release by the city of Shawnee, Mayor Wes Mainord stated, "We are pleased that these tribal leaders were willing to meet with us. The dialog is important, and I think we all learned something from the discussion."

Mainord apologized to the representatives of the Tribal Nations if the city had shown disrespect for them or for their sovereignty, saying that had never been the intent of the City Commission.

"We recognize the contributions of the Tribal Nations to our community and the economic development they have brought," he continued.

He also emphasized that no decision has been made by the commission to begin litigation against any of the Tribal Nations.



The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's graph of economic impact for the city of Shawnee from 2002-2012.

Vice Mayor James Harrod and Shawnee Commissioner, Keith Hall agreed, "Even though we have differences of opinion about whether some businesses are located within Shawnee's jurisdiction, we want to work together for the betterment of the Tribal Nations, the city and the county."

Hall indicated a "genuine and strong interest" in further meetings for substantive discussion designed to come to an agreement.

The Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma stated they had attended the meeting, however said their tribal leaders excused themselves early, as it appeared that there was no agreement that was going to be reached. According to their statement released, it is unclear whether the Kickapoo tribe will continue to stand with the three other tribes in fighting the city of Shawnee's sales tax demand.

The tribe issued a statement from their Business Committee that stated, *"The Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma respects the governmental entities that were present. The Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma has an intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and that such understanding, at this time, is of mutual benefit to the city of Shawnee and the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma."*

The Absentee Shawnee tribe's Governor, Edwina Butler-Wolfe issued their statement regarding the meeting, making clear their stand on the issue.

"On March 24th, myself and tribal leaders from the Citizen Potawatomi Na-

See ***Battle over sales tax****, next page*

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Graduation Honor Dance for Alexander Haag and Sierra Seneca

April 5, 2014 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dance, 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., program to follow. Tiny tot contests to honor the head little girls, three places and consolations. Prettiest Shawl Contest for girls age 0 to 12, three places and Golden Age Men's and Golden Age Women's contest, to honor grandparents, Bo LittleElk and Rhoda Youngbird-Braxton. Dance sponsored by the families of Alexander and Sierra.

Birthday Dance for Martha Bassett Koshiway

April 5, 2014 at the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Complex and Cultural Building in Red Rock, Okla. Gourd dance 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. Women's Golden Age contest for 60 years and older. Special invitation to the Kiowa Gourd Clan. For more information contact Deswood Koshiway at (405) 823-8745.

Native Voices in Recovery Benefit Dance

April 5, 2014 at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 3 p.m., followed by supper at 5 p.m.

Benefit Dance for Amariah Sage Beaver-Ramirez

1 p.m. April 6, 2014 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Amariah is a candidate for the Oklahoma Indian Nation's Little Miss Princess.

Special Memorial Services for Paul Travis Rhodes

12 p.m., April 12, 2014 at the Glenpool Creek Indian Community Center, 13829 South Casper (north of intersection at Hwy. 75 and 141). A meal will be served following service.

Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m., Stomp dance at 4 p.m. followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. Gourd dance to begin again at 6:30 p.m. followed by War dance at 8:30 p.m. Contests for men and women 18 years and older. Crowning of Prince White Buffalocalf. Co-sponsor is All Nations Indian Youth. For more information call (918) 606-1447 or (918) 760-3039.

The 100th annual OU American Indian Student Association's Centennial Spring Contest Powwow

April 12, 2014 at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla. For vendor information email, turnerwentworth@ou.edu. For powwow information email, jguerrero@ou.edu.

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. annual Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m., Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the Concho ball fields in Concho, Okla. Age categories are 3 and under, 4 years to 6 years, 7-10, 11-14, 15-18, and elders.

Memorial Dance for Alta M. Pawnee and Lisa J. Pawnee

April 19, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m. followed by supper at 5 p.m. Sponsored by the grandchildren of Alta M. Pawnee and the daughters and son of Lisa J. Pawnee. For more information call Wilma Redbird at (405) 537-1450.

The 31st annual Gathering of Nations Powwow

April 22-26, 2014 at the University of New Mexico arena, "The Pit" in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.gatheringofnations.com.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Benefit dance

April 26, 2014 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center in Watonga, Okla. Come and enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing with the C&A Labor Day Committee. For more information contact Melvin Miles (405) 200-5052.

The sixth annual Tribal Epidemiology Center Public Health Conference

April 29-30, 2014 at the Firelake Grand Casino in Shawnee, Okla. Registration is free. For online participation visit www.OCAITHB.org. To reserve a room call (405) 964-7777.

Graduation Dance for Gary Lime Jr., and Sheldon Reynolds Jr.

May 3, 2014 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 3 p.m. folllowed by supper at 5 p.m. Proud parents are Gary and Angie Lime, and Sheldon and Jackie Reynolds. Honorees are the great-grandsons of the late Cheyenne Chief Frank Charles Reynolds and wife, Susie StandingBird-Reynolds, the late John and Happy Calf-Old-Crow. They are the grandsons of the late Roger and Janice Prairie Chief–Reynolds.

Paternal grandparents of Gary Jr. are Laverne Lime and the late Robert (Arlie) Lime, and the great-grandson of the late Harry and Mary Whitehorse. Maternal Grandparents for Sheldon Jr are the late Efford and Gail Tsosie. Special invitation to all Society Clan Members and Sundancers. For more information call (580) 715-0759.

The 46th annual Comanche Little Ponies Powwow and Celebration

May 10, 2014 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 920 S. Sheriday Road in Lawton, Okla. Cedar Ceremony at 11 a.m., gourd dance at 12 noon, supper at 5 p.m. All singers and drum groups are cordially invited to attend and special invitation to all mothers to celebrate Mother's Day. For more information contact Lowell Nibbs at (580) 583-5279 or Benny Cable at (580) 695-9947.

Happy Birthday

April 2
Happy 6th Birthday
Rachelle Talise Birdshead
We love you so much from your Charley and Pratt side
I hope your wishes come true. Dream big! From your mother, Farah L. Charley

A great big Happy 2nd Birthday to our little princess Amariah Sage Beaver-Ramirez from your mommie, papi, bubba's, Judge, Mikey, Josh, Prince, and most of all grandma. We love you so much it is an honor and a blessing from God that he allowed us to have you in our lives
March 14

Happy 4th Birthday to my grand daughter Ilexzi Serenity Ismyne Stearns (ISIS)
April 16
From grandma, papa, Lois and Ed Dalton, uncle Bobo, mom and dad, ReNee and TJ Stearns, brother Nate, and sister Konstanze
We love watching you grow up. You are a blessing

Obituaries

In Loving Memory
Alice M. Whitetail
Jan. 16, 1943
March 19, 2014

A viewing for Alice Whitetail was held on March 21, 2014 at the Stanley Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla.

A memorial service was held on March 24, 2014 also at the Stanley Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla.

In Loving Memory
Janice K.
Whiteman Badback
June 19, 1958
March 23, 2014

An all night wake service for Janice K. Whiteman Badback was held on March 16, 2014 at the Badback residence.

Funeral services were held on March 27, 2014 at the Towaoc Recreation Center in Cortez, Colo.

In Loving Memory
Cubazell Friday
June 17, 1963
March 23, 2014

A wake service was held for Cubazell Friday on March 28, 2014 at the Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church in Geary, Okla.

Funeral services were held on March 29, 2014 at the Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church in Geary, Okla.

Elder's story, overcoming obstacles

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smiled.

Whiteman said her family would go to Dog Patch powwow, the annual American Indian Exposition in Anadarko, Okla. and the Hoof place in Canton, Okla.

When Whiteman was only 10 years old her father passed away and her mother continued to operate the farm for two more years, and then had to move to the city of Watonga.

"It was just too hard on my mother, keeping up with a farm is not easy," Whiteman said. "When my dad died I lost my home and my security."

She went to school at Watonga through tenth grade and then went to Chilocco Boarding School. After her mother remarried, Whiteman returned to Watonga to earn her high school diploma in 1953.

"I was married and started my family very young," Whiteman said. "My first husband was James Howlingwater. They called him High Chief, he had a drinking problem and when he would get a big check he would leave us for days."

Whiteman said she lived a strenuous life with a lot of struggles with her husband for longer than she should have.

"One day I had an anxiety attack. I guess … it is what the doctors said. The doctor advised me to do something for myself to help me get out of the low spot I was in," Whiteman said.

At the age of 32 Whiteman found herself taking a nurse's aid class that was being offered at the Watonga hospital.

"I decided to take nursing classes and was hired to work at the hospital before classes were even completed. I later went to LPN school at the Woodward hospital. We moved and lived there for one year. I had asked High Chief if he could behave just one year and help me with the children, he did until the very last week during my finals. It did not matter, I was determined and I graduated being the best surgery nurse."

Whiteman was offered a job by a doctor in Woodward, but decided to return to Watonga instead.

"Sam Buffalo, who was on the tribes' business committee tried to get me financial support to help with going to school, but tribal officials turned me away because I was too old. I guess they did not think I would complete school. I had a little bit of per cap and some large settlement money we received back then and that is how I was able to live in Woodward," Whiteman said. "Out of all those the tribes helped to pay for school I was the only one who graduated and the tribal leaders had the audacity to send me a $20 check in the mail, I sent it right back to them."

After Whiteman returned home she went back to work for the Watonga hospital and shortly began her career with Opportunities, Inc.

"I was working long hours at the hospital until one day I felt a pain in my side. I went to the doctor and he found a cyst on my ovaries. I went into surgery right away and while I was at home recuperating I received a phone call from Opportunities, Inc., Bobbie McFarland had recommended me for a nursing position," Whiteman said.

It was 1972 and the new job turned into a new career of 31 years. She traveled to 17 counties doing well baby checks, immunizations, family planning and administering flu shots. Then in 1989 Blaine County Health Dept. was established and her duties came to an end.

"It was 1990 when I started working for Opportunities Commodities Program," Whiteman said. "I was also named the director of the Child-Adult Care Program (CACP) and I also became state chairperson for CACP sponsors."

In 2003 Whiteman retired from Opportunities, Inc., but she could not remain still so she went to work for the Geary Nursing Home for two years and then four years for the Elder Care Program in Concho, Okla.

"I had to finally retire. My leg started to bother me and once I quit working it just stopped. Oh it may bother me if I take long car rides, but for the most part it does not give me any trouble," Whiteman laughed.

Whiteman continues to serve on boards for the Elder Care Program and the Geary Nursing Home, she is also a member of the Watonga Hospital Auxiliary.

"I like to keep busy and stay involved in my community and help other people. Every Thursday we grill hamburgers and sell them at the Watonga hospital to help raise money for the hospital," Whiteman said.

She has held many positions and is on many powwow committees, including serving chairperson for the Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow in Concho, Okla. and serving on the Watonga Indian Community Committee.

"Today I am asked to serve as an honored elder," Whiteman chuckled a little referring to her age.

Whiteman said over the course of her career she has traveled to Washington, D.C. a few times, Las Vegas, Laughlin, Nev. Denver, Colo., New Mexico, and Texas.

"Oh I remember one year a hurricane hit and my flight from Houston to Boston was cancelled so I came home," she said.

Marie Whiteman' nursing graduation photo in September 1968.

Her children are Beverly Jimenez, Karen Daratt, Charles Howlingwater, Lavada Gould, Leatrice Gonzales, Wilma and Janell are deceased. She also has two adopted sons, Chester Whiteman and Crag Hart. Whiteman has also raised a granddaughter, Ricque Richardson.

She was married to Denny Old Crow and Bruce Whiteman Sr., who are both deceased.

Whiteman said today she enjoys attending powwows, helping in her community and being with her many grandchildren and great-grand children as well as planting her flowers beds.

Battle over sales tax

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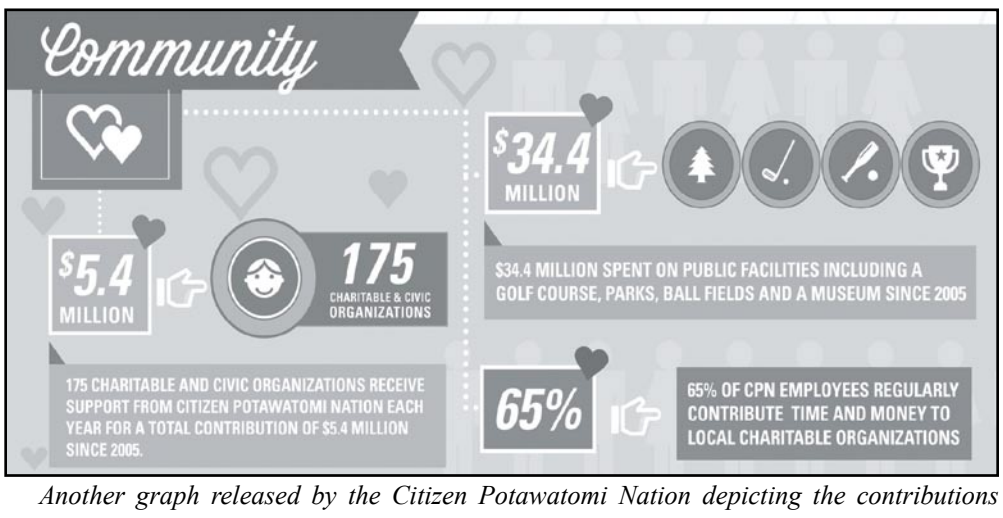
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65% OF CPN EMPLOYEES REGULARLY CONTRIBUTE TIME AND MONEY TO LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Another graph released by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation depicting the contributions made to the city of Shawnee over recent years.

tion, Kickapoo Tribe, and Sac and Fox Nation met with the city of Shawnee officials to discuss the city's demand that area tribes collect a city sales tax on purchases made by non-tribal members at our own tribal businesses. While we appreciate the city's willingness to meet with the Absentee Shawnee tribe, I believe, the city remains committed to its demand and does not fully appreciate the tribal nations' collective financial and resident based impact on the Shawnee community.

While Mayor Wes Mainord stated it was not the city's intent to disrespect the tribes and their inherent sovereignty, the city continues to exhibit a fundamental illiteracy about tribal sovereignty. For instance, city officials seemed unwilling or unable to comprehend that tribes, not the city, govern the activity on their tribal lands held in trust by the United States. And, although the city officials expressed great appreciation for all that the tribes do for the city, from providing law enforcement services funding millions of dollars in roads construction, the city continue to insist that the tribes must also serve as its tax collector. Although some city officials insisted during the meeting that suing the tribes is something they view only as a last resort it appears the city's high priced out-of-state law firm has been hard at work preparing at least two threatening letters.

As a tribal leader and life-long resident of the city of Shawnee, I am baffled that the city would spend hundreds of thousands of tax dollars on lawyers to attempt to increase taxes exclusively on its non-Indian citizens by threatening the tribes and potentially jeopardizing millions in tribal services, infrastructure, employment, and corresponding tax revenues. In the meantime, the city is aggressively offering tax incentives to out-of-state businesses to relocate to Shawnee. This shows a clear disrespect to us as tribes, as valued members of Shawnee and creates clear lines of bias, which could lead to service barriers. Hopefully, other residents of the city of Shawnee will join me in insisting that the City halt this foolish effort and work together with the tribes for the betterment of all as together we can make a difference in our community"

Efforts to reach Sac and Fox Nation's Chairman, George Thurman were unsuccessful.

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CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Elder Care Program, Caseworker/Outreach worker, Fulltime
Elder Care Program, Clinton
Closing: April 04, 2014

Qualifications:

High School diploma or GED required. Must be familiar with data entry and good computer skills. Must be able to satisfactorily pass a background check. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver license and have dependable transportation. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Elder Care Program, Caseworker Assistant, Part-time
Elder Care Program Site, Clinton
Closing: April 04, 2014

Qualifications:

High School diploma or GED required. Must be able to satisfactorily pass a background check. Must have computer skills and phone skills. Must have a flexible schedule and be able to work nights and weekends when needed. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Closed Captioning Transcriptionist/ Video File Librarian CATV47
Closing: Open Until Filled

Qualifications:

College degree preferred. Minimum requirement, high school diploma or GED equivalent. Two years experience as a transcriptionist is preferred. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Reliable vehicle. Great attitude and work ethic. Tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Office Aide/File Clerk Personnel Department, Concho
Cl0sing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High School Diploma or GED. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Experience with various office equipment. Ability to alphabetize. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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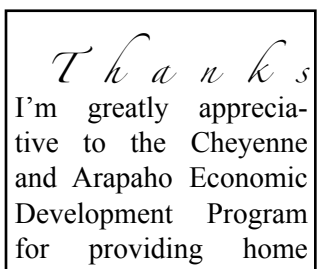
Gail Williams



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C-A Labor Day Powwow Committee NOTICE

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Committee would like to have the individual (s) that made any pledges, monetary, food or any other donations/contributions for the upcoming 2014 C&A Labor Day powwow to contact any of the following members, Wilbur Bullcoming, chairman (580) 339-2459, Lynn Littlehawk, secretary (580) 549-9309, Melvin Miles, treasurer (405) 200-5052.

We would also like to extend our apologies to the Head Staff previously selected for our November, December and January scheduled dances that were cancelled due to the inclement weather.

In addition, if there were any special contests that are going to be held during the upcoming powwow please contact us at your earliest convienence. Your attention to our request is appreciated.

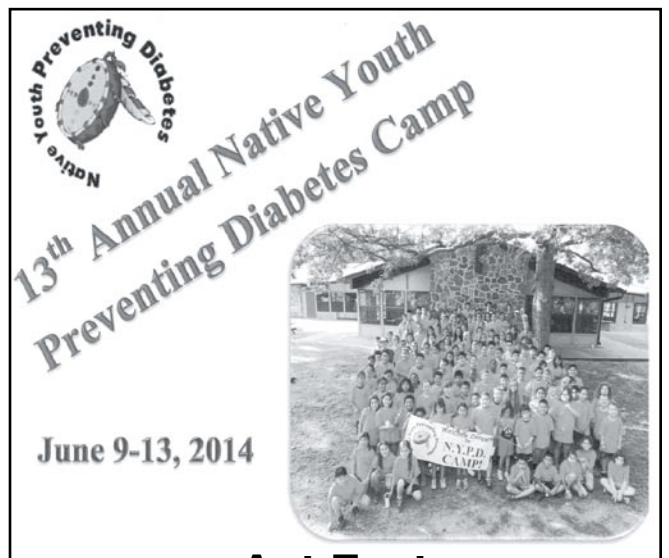
Cheyenne and Arapaho
Labor Day Committee
Treasurer,
Melvin Miles

URGENT NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING HORSE OWNERS ATTEND THIS MEETING

This notice is for ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS who currently have horses and/or donkeys being cared for on Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal land. A meeting is being called to discuss the possible cancelling of this service.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND, Monday, 5:30 p.m., April 8, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

For more information or questions contact Economic Development Director, Jerry Levi at (405) 422-7461.



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ONLY 10 AVAILABLE SLOTS FOR CAMP

This camp is held outside of Wagoner, Okla., from June 9-13, 2014.

The Diabetes Wellness Program will provide transportation.

To obtain a registration form contact Diabetes Wellness Dietician/Diabetes Educator at (405) 422-7685 or by email at tconway@c-a-tribes.org.

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

RODNEY WATERMAN, Petitioner
vs.
ASHLEY WATERMAN, Respondent
Case No: JFD-2014-0001

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: **ASHLEY WATERMAN, 7020 E. RENO AVE., MIDWEST CITY, OK 73110**

You are hereby notified that RODNEY WATERMAN has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **14TH** day of **MAY**, 2014 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 12TH day of MARCH, 2014.

Plaintiff;
Rodney Waterman
1510 Orient Ave.
Clinton, OK 73601

Ricque Richardson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
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In The Matter Of The Application Of:
A.M.M.
Dob: 2/20/03
By the Natural mother
To Change Name
Case No. CIV-2014-21

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that Odessa Thunderbull has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change of minor child, as follows, to wit: from A.M.M. to A.M.T. and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 16th day of **April**, 2014 at **10:00 A.M.**, and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 17th day of March, 2014.

Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
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C & A Food Distribution Greenhouse Project Schedule

Daryn West- Green House Project Coordinator
Michelle Bigfoot- Green House Assistant
Ezra Lehi- Green House Aide
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APRIL 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1.Clinton Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	2.Canton Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	3. Concho Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	4.Watonga 8a-5p	5.
6.	7. Watonga 8a-5p	8. Clinton Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	9. Canton Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	10. Concho Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	11. Watonga 8a-5p	12.
13.	14. Watonga 8a-5p	15. Clinton Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	16. Canton Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	17. Concho Headstart Garden Ed. For HS students 10a-11a	18. Watonga 8a-5p	19.
20.	21. CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	22.Clinton Community Garden Ed. Clinton Community Hall 11 to 1	23.Watonga Community Garden Ed. Watonga multi-purpose Center 11 to 1	24.Concho Community Garden Ed. Concho 11 to 1	25. Watonga 8a-5p	26.
27.	28. Canton Community Garden Ed. 11 to 1	29.Closed for Inventory	30.Closed for Inventory			

Headstart Classes | Community Garden Classes | Closed for Inventory

Dates and Times subject to change. Weather permitting.

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OFFICE HOURS: 8AM-5PM STORE HOURS: 9AM-3:30 PM OFFICE PHONE: 405-422-7873 FAX: 405-422-8261 TOLL FREE: 1-888-747-9520		1	2	3 WALKING DAY	4	5
6 FRESH TOMATO DAY	7 Nutrition Ed. Fresh Salsa!!	8 CLINTON #1 TAILGATE	9 SEILING TAILGATE	10 HAMMON TAILGATE	11 Nutrition Ed. Grilled Cheese	12 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH DAY
13 GARDEN WEEK →	14	15 CLINTON #2 TAILGATE	16	17 ELK CITY TAILGATE	18	19
20 EASTER	21 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	22 EARTH DAY	23 PICNIC DAY	24 Nutrition Ed. Bean Soup & Veggie Tray	25	26
27 SCREEN FREE WEEK →	28	29 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	30 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	NATIONAL PECAN MONTH NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL MONTH NATIONAL STRESS FREE MONTH		

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

On behalf of Gov. Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey
Congratulations to all the February Employees of the Month and thank you for your hard work, dedication and service to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Dept. of Administration
Employee of the Month
Herbert Whitebuffalo,
Tribal Transportation
Exec. Dir.- Cecil Gray

"The Tribal Transit Program hearby nominates Herbert "Herbie" Whitebuffalo for the February 2014 employee of the month. Mr. Whitebuffalo serves as the Program Project Analyst, Specialist where he performs varies duties that pertain to project management with a strong emphasis in analyzing serving points necessary accurate placement of project materials. He is also responsible for the calculation of materials and the quantities as well as the determination of size for certain projects, such as pipe post signs, culvert end treatments, man holes and other materials needed for projects. Mr. Whitebuffalo assists with transportation planning, road and bridge inventory, project inspection and control. Although personnel records indicate Herbert's hire date as of Oct. 4, 1999. Herbert has been an employee under the Transportation program since 1995, through Herbie's 10 years and with his vast knowledge regarding tribal assets, such as location of utility lines, water, gas sewer and electric, the placement of man holes and fire hydrants and other pertinent structures. Herbie has served to be a resource of information not only to the transportation program, but has provided technical assistance for various other programs such as Economic Development, EPA, O&M and the water plant. The Tribal transportation Program appreciates the opportunity to nominate Herbie Whitebuffalo for his dedication to the tribal members and to acknowledge him as a long-term asset to the tribes."

Dept. of Enrollment
Employee of the Month
Sierra Shadaram,
Office Clerk
Exec. Dir. - Carrie Whitlow

"I have been working in the Department of Enrollment for two months now and I have learned there is a lot of paperwork. A person has to be very meticulous, pay attention to minor details. I am very impressed with the ladies that I work with. They are all very professional. The environment is very formal and everyone comes to work everyday ready to work. Our employee of the month has been working in our department for four months. She knows everyone else's jobs and some of the employees have said she is eager to learn, always helpful, never complains and is always quiet. Our employee of the month is Sierra Shadaram."

Dept. of Treasury
Employee of Month
Sofia Sandoval,
Gaming A/P Tech
Interim Treasurer -
Clark Batson
(Chiara Roman Nose, Executive Assistant accepted award for Sofia Sandoval.)

"For the Department of Treasury, employee of the month is Sofia Sandoval, for a true form of her personality she is on leave for spring break this week, but she is one of those awesome employees that once you meet you will never forget. We can always count on her during per cap season. She is also one who will come up and process checks even when we are closed for snow. Chiara Roman Nose, executive assistant is going to accept this award on her behalf."

Dept. of Education
Employee of the Month
Clara Baker, Data Resource Specialist
Interim Exec. Dir.-Gordon Yellowman

"Our employee we nominated is outstanding and always dedicated. Always right on time at 8 o'clock and doesn't stay after 5. Others have asked me why she doesn't stay after 5. I tell them, because it is her routine and she has family responsibilities. This individual I really admire, because of her dedication in really learning the customs and language of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people. She actually speaks our language, she has been here for nine years and is very knowledgeable about computer technology and is very dedicated to our library. So I would like to present this award to Clara Baker. "

Dept. of Social Services
Employee of the Month
Sophie Burgess,
Child Care Worker
Exec. Dir. - Nikki Factor

"I actually nominated this individual. She is a hard worker, always punctual and she cares about our kids. She works at the Emergency Youth Shelter and has been an employee of the tribes for 23 years. Unfortunately a lot of the kids may not have an active grandma in their lives, so they all call her grandma. Please help in honoring Sophia Burgess as employee of the month for her dedication and hard work that she puts into our kids."

Dept. of Housing Authority
Employee of the Month
William Burns, Inspector/ Counselor
Exec. Dir. William Tallbear

Our employee of the month for February is William Burns. You know when we have an issue with our home and we need someone to crawl up underneath it to check a leaky pipe or a busted line, there has to be that one person that does it. This person we are recognizing is that man, he is not afraid to get under a house, crawl into attic spaces or on top of a roof. He will do anything to serve our people. During the month of February he assisted 45 tribal members with their home repairs. It is a thankless job. The Housing Authority would like to recognize William Burns. He has been an inspector for the Housing Authority since April 2006. He is an asset to the organization and has an excellent attitude. He is very knowledgeable of the priorities within the authority. William does cost assessments for demolition and renovations of projects. He is an inspector of insurance claims and takes care of a wide scope of projects. He is ready to assist and will work on holidays and weekends, if needed, and he is also the president of the Clinton Playground committee.

Dept. of Health
Employee of Month
Tara Conway, Dietician
Exec. Dir. - Nick Barton

"This person is very active in her department; she works for the Diabetes Wellness Program, gives cooking classes and presentations. She is well respected by her peers; she brings leadership and specialized knowledge in teaching skills to fulfill the nutrition in diabetes. She is also a secretary for the NYPD camp, which is a diabetes camp for the youth. She has helped with writing grants within the health department. Please rest assures this person represents the tribes well. At this time the Department of Health would like to recognize Tara Conway.."

Each employee of the month received an Employee of the Month Certificate and 8 hours of administrative leave.

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ATHLETES SPOTLIGHT

Photos and interview by Rebecka Lyman

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Teresa Blurton, a soft-spoken senior wears jersey number 22 for the El Reno High School Soccer team. Whatever the team needs at the time, Blurton wants to be in that role, including handling the pressure situations.

When did you first begin playing?

I was in the ninth grade.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

I like that it is a really competitive sport to play.

What is your GPA (if known)?

It is a 3.8.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?

I keep mostly good grades and I don't get behind on my school work.

What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?

I plan on going to college and become a nurse, I would like to attend UCO in Edmond.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

Graduate first and get my basics done.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

There is not a certain game that sticks out in my mind, I think all of them are pretty exciting due to the high energy it takes to play a game.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?

When I was 14 I had decided I was not going to play sports any more, but my soccer coach, Jade Carter, talked me into not quitting. I am really glad that I listened to him. Now that I am older I look forward to playing.

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by?

No.

Who or what inspires you the most?

My mom, because she has eight kids and raised us all by herself. She is always there when I need her. She gives good advice and only wants the best for all of us. I love her.

What work out routine do you have for training in your sport?

I don't really have one.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?

I have to work on my dribbling and passing the ball.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?

Subway sandwich.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

My mom, Sherry.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

I am usually busy with sports.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

I like a little bit of country and rap music.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I can't think of anything my friends know everything about me, I take showers all the time.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

That my mom and dad did not ever get divorced.

What do you someday dream of doing?

I want to finish college and some day have a family of my own.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Kevin Durant.

Which team is your favorite team?

Thunder.

What are your plans after graduating high school?

Go to college.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

To take school and any sports that they are in serious, don't blow it off.

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